

Coach Moore also oversaw the expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium in 2006 and 2009, pushing the venue's capacity to 101,821, which ranks fifth nationally.

Mal Moore will be officially honored at the 55th NNF awards dinner at Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on December 4, 2012. He was elected to the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Alabama and the entire Alabama Congressional Delegation, I would like to commend Coach Mal Moore for his exemplary leadership and congratulate him for receiving the John L. Toner Award. I know Coach Moore's daughter, Heather, his granddaughter, Anna Lee and grandson, Charles, as well as his many, many friends and associates around the country share in this proud and well-deserved honor.

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE JOINT HEARING

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and welcome to Secretary Panetta and Secretary Shinseki.

More than 2 million American women and men are returning home from more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many are returning scarred, with lost limbs, brain injuries or mental illness. Too many are coming back to unemployment lines. And too many are struggling to keep their homes.

To address these problems, Congress and the administration have worked together to support veterans' needs through efforts like building more Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinics, like the one in Mount Vernon, Washington state. The VA, the Department of Defense, and National Institutes of Health are conducting state-of-the-art brain research to understand and find better treatments for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. And the VA and DoD are working together to provide more timely disability claims processing.

The passage of the Vow To Hire Heroes Act and the 21st Century GI Bill were important steps to help veterans translate their skills to civilian jobs. These programs provide career advice for transitioning servicemembers through the Transition Assistance Program and help veterans go back to school.

And we are supporting veterans housing through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) program, which provides affordable housing vouchers and social services like case management. 100 homeless veterans in Skagit and Snohomish Counties have received HUD-VASH vouchers so far this year. Part of ending homelessness among veterans is prevention, and for that, VA and DOD recently began legal assistance programs to provide relief for veterans and servicemembers who were hurt by mortgage abuses and assist those seeking to refinance.

Still, there is more that we have to do, and I encourage all of us in this room to think of what we can do to help these veterans.

For example, in my district, we are reaching out to veterans, employers and educators to help veterans translate the skills they developed in the military to meet private sector needs, and help employers and educators understand the value of veterans' military training.

I look forward to hearing more about what the DoD and VA are doing to support veterans transitioning back to civilian life. With hard work and support from the government and local communities, these veterans coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan can have a smooth transition back to civilian life, and our older veterans can get the support they deserve.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. BUENA WOOTEN LONG'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Buena Wooten Long, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. On this day, Mrs. Long will be honored with a birthday celebration and dinner at the James H. Gray Senior Citizen's Center in Albany, Georgia.

Born in Whigham, Georgia on July 25, 1912 to Archie and Ada Wooten, Mrs. Long is the youngest of six children: Malachi, Charlie, Wadis, Leah, and Ruth. Although all her siblings preceded her in death, she is the second member of her family to become a centenarian; her paternal grandfather lived to be 106 years old.

Mrs. Long fondly remembers plowing a mule on the family farm as a child. As an adult, she worked as a seamstress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Detroit, Michigan. She is now an active participant at the Golden Retreat Senior Citizen's Center. Although she enjoys all the activities at the Center, bingo is her favorite.

Mrs. Long is the mother of Mrs. Helen Murphy-Prince; grandmother of Mr. Craig Wendell Prince; great-grandmother of Mr. Randall Murphy and Mr. Brian Murphy and great-great-grandmother of Miss London Taylor Murphy.

Mrs. Long credits her longevity to her faith in God, a strong work ethic instilled in her by her parents and good genes. She is an active member of the Institutional First Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. Eugene G. Sherman.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mrs. Long has advanced far in life because she never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Long has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding cit-

izen and woman of faith, Mrs. Buena Wooten Long, as she, her family, and the seniors and volunteers of the Golden Retreat at the James H. Gray Senior Citizen's Center prepare to celebrate her 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, I was called away from the votes here on the House Floor in order to address an important announcement regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan in California. The joint announcement from California Governor, Jerry Brown, and United States Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar, will have huge implications for my constituents and all Californians. Therefore, I felt it was absolutely necessary to address my concerns regarding the new plan. Nevertheless, I realize the importance of the votes I missed. Therefore, I would like to state for the record how I would have voted on the bills that were before the House of Representatives, yesterday.

First, I would have supported H.R. 459, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2012. I would have opposed H.R. 6082, the Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan. Lastly, I would have supported H.R. 6168, President Obama's Proposed 2012–2017 Offshore Drilling Lease Sale Plan Act.

RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise in reluctant opposition to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. MANZULLO. I say reluctant, because although I am opposed to this particular amendment, I very much support the idea of ensuring that our agencies in the Federal government utilize the best available science when engaged in their activities. On its face, that would appear to be the subject of this amendment. However, the language in this amendment goes further than that, and its broad reach troubles me for several reasons.

Under this amendment, all Federal agencies would have to adopt guidelines on scientific integrity and have those guidelines approved by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, "OSTP". Agencies could not make policy decisions unless the OSTP Director has approved their guidelines. In addition, subsection (d) of the amendment states that

any policy decisions an agency makes which do not comply with the approved guidelines “shall be deemed to be arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and otherwise not in accordance with law.”

I am very concerned that the language in this amendment could give rise to a new cause of action against Federal agencies in their regulatory process. A longstanding principle of regulatory law is that agencies must show that their regulatory actions are not “arbitrary and capricious” or courts will overturn those actions. This amendment creates a new and separate cause of action against regulatory agencies who veer from their guidelines in the formulation of a regulation. This is an unnecessary addition to the legal weaponry available to challenge agency regulations since the current law already provides that agencies are prohibited from making “arbitrary and capricious” regulatory decisions. I do not understand why we would purposely increase our courts’ load of regulatory litigation for no discernible substantive benefit.

Furthermore, the amendment does not limit these restrictions to regulatory actions. All “policy decisions,” specifically including “agency guidance,” are subject to this requirement. “Agency guidance” could include the posting of information on an agency website or the issuance of disaster warnings. It is troubling that we would potentially be creating a new legal cause of action against agencies for putting agency guidance on their websites. It’s even more troubling that we would prohibit agencies from making disaster warnings until those agencies’ scientific integrity guidelines are approved by the Director of OSTP.

Clearly, these new impositions on the Federal agencies are not without cost. However, what is the real benefit here? Early on, the Obama administration issued an order to all Federal agencies to adopt scientific integrity policies. OSTP oversaw this process, and Federal agencies now have scientific integrity policies in place. What additional benefit does this amendment provide over what the administration has already completed? Moreover, the Federal government already has well established procedures in place to ensure Federal regulations are only issued after careful review of the scientific evidence. It’s hard to imagine this amendment provides any benefits to this process that would outweigh the dangers and costs I just identified.

Finally, I want to express my discomfort with placing the OSTP and the President’s science advisor in a regulatory oversight role. The President of the United States needs sound scientific advice from a trusted and competent advisor. OSTP was created to provide that advice to the President. This is an office that has typically maintained bipartisan support over the years. I would hate for that support to erode because we’ve placed inappropriate responsibilities on that office. I would also note that OSTP’s annual budget is relatively modest and the office is already stretched thin carrying out its current duties. This amendment provides no funding for the newly mandated duties, and it is unclear how OSTP is supposed to fund these new responsibilities.

I do think it is important that the Federal government use the best available science when it does its work. Unfortunately, for the reasons I’ve outlined, I don’t think this amendment is the way to achieve that goal, and I must oppose the amendment.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND DR.  
J.J. ROBERSON

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 26, 2012*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of a spiritual leader and visionary from Houston, Texas, Reverend Dr. J.J. Roberson.

Dr. Roberson will be remembered as a distinguished minister, husband, father, Master Barber, and World War II Veteran. He has inspired our community with his work as the Founder and Pastor Emeritus of Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church. During his 50-year tenure as Pastor of Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Roberson was credited with expanding the size of the sanctuary and for increasing the church membership to over 2,000.

Dr. Roberson was consistently recognized for his outstanding leadership as President of the Baptist Ministers Association of Houston & Vicinity. He was inducted into the Religious Hall of Fame in Dallas in 2011, as well as the Visionary Pastors Hall of Fame in Houston in 2012.

As we say goodbye to a courageous leader and man of God, we acknowledge that our community has lost a resounding voice for justice, fairness, and equal opportunity. Although this is a significant loss, we find consolation in knowing that many of our lives have been forever changed because Dr. J.J. Roberson lived.

While I will indeed miss his physical presence, I will continue to admire his spirit and passion for helping those who are the least, the last, and the lost among us. To many, Dr. Roberson was a pillar within our community and a great preacher; but for me not only was Dr. Roberson a dynamic religious leader, he was a mentor, trusted advisor, and beloved friend.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL,  
DR. FRANK RAILA, MD,  
USA, RET.

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 26, 2012*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of a true American patriot: retired Lieutenant Colonel Frank Raila. Lieutenant Colonel Raila has lived a rich and full life: he is a veteran, a medical doctor, a father, and so much more. He is a fantastic example of those individuals who make up our “greatest generation.”

Living on the south side of Chicago, Frank Raila was called to serve his country shortly after his eighteenth birthday in 1943. He was sent to Europe as a Private in the 106th Infantry Division, where he served on a machine gun crew. He participated in an unsuccessful attempt to retake the city of Schonberg in late 1944. During this assault, then-Private Raila was captured by German forces and sent to a mining labor camp as a prisoner of war. Be-

fore long, he used quick thinking and ingenuity to escape from captivity during a transfer to a new location, and worked to rejoin friendly forces.

During the rest of the war and for several years after, Frank Raila continued to serve his country—remaining with the United States Army and eventually retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war, Frank Raila returned to civilian life and attended the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University at Chicago. As a Neuroradiologist, he had a long and distinguished career—practicing in locations around the country and abroad over several decades.

On behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel Raila for all he has done for our nation: for his service, his sacrifices, and his hard work. I want to welcome him, and all the other veterans participating in the “Honor Flights” to Washington D.C. in recognition of this year’s “Day of Honor” program on August 1, 2012.

IN MEMORY OF CHLOE ZULCOSKY

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 26, 2012*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Chloe Zulcosky, a recent graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford, Florida.

There are some people in our lives that inspire us to be better, to reach for every opportunity, and, when we fall down, to brush ourselves off and continue pushing ahead. Friends, Chloe was one of those people. She served as a role model in her community, and shone through to all as a fun-loving and courageous young lady. Chloe showed the community of Seminole County how to live life as a kind, genuine and beautiful person.

Chloe was the Senior Captain of her cheerleading team at Seminole High School. While at cheerleading camp at the beginning of her senior year, Chloe started having terrible migraines. After weeks of continuous pain, she was diagnosed with glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer which usually occurs with patients older than 55.

Chloe underwent surgery in early September to remove the brain tumor. She was scheduled after the surgery for one year of chemotherapy to diminish any of the tumor that was not removed.

She was able to experience a senior year full of love and support from the Seminole County community. Chloe received the honor of Homecoming Queen at Seminole High School, attended her prom, and graduated from high school.

On Wednesday July 25, after a long and courageous fight, Chloe passed away. While it is with a heavy heart that I report to Congress that Chloe passed away today, I am confident that her life and memory will remain with not only those she knew, but all those who knew of her.

I again ask we remember the life of this wonderful young woman and pray for the family and friends who are grieving her loss. May Chloe inspire us all.